

“With little material reward or outside recognition, the faculty of this institution has weathered tight budgets and significant enrollment increases with a remarkable record of continued quality instruction and documented student satisfaction. The 2005-06 budget offers hope and promise for a new day and brighter future for this University and the Commonwealth.

This coming year’s budget is built upon the tripod of investment, planning, and modernization. With additional financial resources, the University can more fully invest in its people and its teaching research, and outreach programs; with enhanced funding, the University can plan in a meaningful way for distant, lofty goals; with needed resources, the University can truly modernize its infrastructure and bring it into the twenty-first century. We faculty look to the governor, the state legislature, and the Council of Postsecondary Education to further this formula for sustained growth and long-term social and economic development in the years to come. A flagship university and its dedicated employees deserve nothing less.”

**Ernie Yanarella - Chair, University Senate Council**